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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of J.P.  
4 "Buck" Gordon of Peoria, who passed away on January 31, 2016;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, J.P. Gordon was born in Cruger, Mississippi to  
7 Willie and Ellen (nee Randle) Gordon on May 15, 1934; he was  
8 baptized at Gordon Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Cruger;  
9 he received his education at Meeks Elementary School in Cruger  
10 and Roosevelt Junior High School in Peoria, where he relocated  
11 to in 1950; he married Freida Barbara Ferguson on January 9,  
12 1954; and

13           WHEREAS, J.P. Gordon worked as a machinist at Keystone Wire  
14 and Steel for over 27 years, retiring in 1985; and

15           WHEREAS, J.P. Gordon was a "Golden Member" (50 years) of  
16 New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church in Peoria; he  
17 enjoyed fishing, gardening, hunting, bowling, and spending  
18 time with his family; he was an avid traveler and traveled  
19 throughout the United States with his wife by car; he often  
20 visited the sick, his sister, Art, and his favorite boys at the  
21 local McDonald's; he organized the first Gordon/Randle  
22 Reunion, and, at the 2010 reunion, he received an award for his

1 leadership; and

2 WHEREAS, J.P. Gordon was preceded in death by his parents;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, J.P. Gordon is survived by his wife, Freida; his  
5 son, James Patrick Gordon; his 4 daughters, Deborah Gordon,  
6 Imogene (Jeanie) Simmons, Pamela Gordon, and Gwendolyn (Rene)  
7 Johnson; his sister, Willie Mae (Artis) Gordon Hopson; his 6  
8 grandchildren, Robert Davis, Carthel Johnson, Dionne Gordon,  
9 Jamie Johnson, Jimmel Simmons, and Danielle Gordon; his 19  
10 great-grandchildren; and his 2 great-great-grandchildren;  
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
14 mourn the passing of J.P. "Buck" Gordon, and extend our sincere  
15 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
16 him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of J.P. Gordon as an expression of our  
19 deepest sympathy.